

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This action is in response to amendments/arguments filed 6/27/2008. Currently, claims 1-7, 11-12, 15, 17-20, and 29-33.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 11-12, 15, 17-20, and 29-33 are allowed over the prior art of record.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew L. Schneider on 10/10/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, Line 9, - - one - - has been deleted, and "a first" has been added after "deviated to."

In Claim 1, Line 12, - - one - - has been deleted, and "the first" has been added after "adjacent" and before "end."

In Claim 1, Line 15, - - one - - has been deleted, and "first" has been added after "the" and before "end."

In Claim 12, Line 9, - - one - - has been deleted, and "a first" has been added after "deviated to."

Art Unit: 3772

In Claim 12, Line 11, - - one - - has been deleted, and "the first" has been added after "adjacent" and before "end."

In Claim 12, Line 14, - - one - - has been deleted, and "first" has been added after "the" and before "end."

In Claim 15, Line 6, - - one - - has been deleted, and "a first" has been added after "adjacent."

In Claim 15, Line 11, - - one - - has been deleted, and "the first" has been added after "towards."

In Claim 15, Line 13, - - one - - has been deleted, and "first" has been added after "the" and before "end."

In Claim 32, Line 11, - - one - - has been deleted, and "a first" has been added after "deviated to."

In Claim 32, Line 16, - - one - - has been deleted, and "first" has been added after "the" and before "end."

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The subject matter of the independent claim(s) could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The subject matter not found was the main balloon being deviated to one end of the curved plate and a curve it disposed between the main balloon on the first end and the middle of the curved plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

Art Unit: 3772

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3414. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on (571)272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Brandon Jackson/
Examiner, Art Unit 3772

BLJ

Application/Control Number: 10/618,964

Page 5

Art Unit: 3772

/Patricia Bianco/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3772